

Daily Plan ~ Day 6

Saturday, June 12, 2004

Day Coordinator: Linda Mead, Delaware & Raritan Greenway



Crosswicks Creek, Hamilton-Trenton - Bordentown Marsh, Bordentown, NJ
8 miles, tidal waters, floating and paddling with the tides

Campers will breakfast at Washington Crossing State Park at 7:30. Break camp at 8:00 and drive to rendezvous at Bordentown Beach, the Bordentown City boat ramp.

- 8:30 A.M. Registration and check-in** at Bordentown City boat ramp. Sojourners unload boats and prepare for launch.
- 9:15 A.M. Safety Talk**
- 9:30 A.M. Recognition of Lady High Admiral:** New Jersey Secretary of State Regena Thomas will offer a Proclamation recognizing the Sojourn's 10th anniversary and the 15th anniversary of D&R Greenway,
- 9:45 A.M. Welcome** by our sponsor: Delaware River Yachtsmen's League, President Robert O. Bocock II and First Vice President Jerry Donofrio. Introductions: Bordentown Yacht Club Commodore Willie Foerstner and Yapewi Aquatic Club Commodore Michael A. Kovacs.
- 10:00 A.M. Launch** (High tide in Bordentown is 12:26 pm)
- 11:00 A.M. Program on the water: Natives, Nobles and Nature - Life in the Marsh from Native Americans to King Joseph Bonaparte.** Learn about the peoples who have inhabited the Marsh over the past 6,000 years and view the place on the Crosswicks Creek that was once the grand estate of Point Breeze, home to Joseph Bonaparte. Thank you to presenters: Drs. Charles and Mary Leck, Warren Libensperger and Clyde Quin.
- 12:00 P.M. Native American Lunch** at Watson's Woods with traditional Native American foods including Venison and the Three Sisters (beans, corn, squash). Lunch catered by: *Heart to Hearth Cookery*
- 12:45 P.M.** Be part of history as we celebrate the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark with National Park Service and State officials. Unveiling of commemorative signage and presentation on Native American life 6,000 years ago by N.J. State Archeologist Lorraine Williams. Guest speaker: Hon. John W. Collom, III, Mayor of Bordentown City.
- 1:15 P.M.** Resume paddling
- 2:00 P.M.** Program on the water: Learn from veteran Sojourner and Friends for the Marsh spokesperson George Fluck about the conservation and educational activities that are raising awareness about this special place.
- 3:30 P.M.** Take-out at Bordentown City boat ramp
- 4:00 P.M.** Wave-Off to Secretary of State Regena Thomas and her party as they board a yacht at Bordentown Beach and cruise down river to Burlington.

Dinner On-Your-Own

Campers travel to Palmyra Cove Nature Park. (*Estimate 45 minute drive time*). **Note:** There are shower facilities at this location.

Many thanks to today's Sojourn Partners:

Delaware & Raritan Greenway, Delaware River Yachtsmen's League, NJ Department Secretary of State, Bordentown City and Hon. Mayor John W. Collom III, Friends for the Marsh, R.J. Toad Livery

Delaware River Special Recognition

"Wild and Scenic Rivers Act"

- Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River
- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River

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Water height is highly relevant in the tidal Delaware section of the river for two reasons:

1. High water can inundate the riverbanks and islands where flooded trees and vegetation can create what are known as "strainers". Strainers are very, very dangerous and can trap boats and people under water.
2. The quantity of water hazards such as large trees, lumber, logs, parts of man made objects such as docks float down the river at a faster rate making it difficult to see and/or navigate around. This floating debris can create a very dangerous situation.

The Sojourn's Policy for the Tidal Delaware River

At water 11-feet and above as measured at the Riegelsville Gauge – There will be No Sojourn "River" Trip – Alternate Land Activities will be offered.

(It is especially important to note that high water rescues endanger the people making the rescue. While Sojourn Safety personnel are well trained in rescue techniques, the person nearest to a boat or boater in trouble could be another Sojourner. High water makes the river more dangerous for everyone. The Sojourn will determine whether it is safe to paddle on any given Sojourn Day.)

ALTERNATE LAND ACTIVITY

- 8:00 A.M. Breakfast, registration at Bordentown Beach, Bordentown City, NJ. Morning program as planned.
- 10:00 A.M. Travel to the Isaac Watson House in Roebling Park. Depending on weather conditions, there will be a walking tour of the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh, including Spring Lake.
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch and program at Watson's Woods or at the Divine Word Missionaries (DWM) grounds (formerly Joseph Bonaparte's Point Breeze estate).
- 1:30 P.M. Guided tour of the DWM grounds with spectacular views of Crosswicks Creek from the Point Breeze bluffs.
- 3:30 P.M. Tour ends and Sojourners travel to Palmyra Cove Nature Park as planned.